

Grafton Lakes State Park

Volunteer Trail Crew Member

CATEGORY: Trained

SUPERVISOR: Volunteer Trail Leader (also Volunteer Coordinator)

LOCATION: On-site

Located on the Rensselaer Plateau, Grafton Lakes State Park consists of over 2,500 acres and over 25 miles of trails. The park is home to six ponds, serves as a sanctuary for nocturnal mammals, and includes diverse ecosystems. In addition to ecological significance, the park is an invaluable open space recreational and educational resource complete with a fire tower, 1,000-foot beach, and opportunities for boating and fishing. Trails in the park serve a wide variety of user groups including mountain bikers, hikers, horse-back riders, and snowmobile riders.



SUMMARY:

The Volunteer Trail Crew Members work directly with the Volunteer Trail Leader to ensure the safety and sustainability of trails and that trails are user friendly. The Volunteer Trail Crew is responsible for keeping the trails clear of natural encroachment and debris. This position does not require any prior knowledge of trail work or trail techniques but does require a respect for working with hand tools and working with others. The Trail Leader, working with the Volunteer Coordinator and other staff, organizes monthly trail maintenance days May-Sept for crew members. Crew members are expected to attend as many of these as possible.

DUTIES:

- Clear downed logs, overhanging branches, leaves, garbage, and other debris from trails
- Organize and clean tools after every use
- Attend monthly trail maintenance days May-Sept as much as possible
- Attend and participate in larger trail projects as a part of I Love My Park Day and Falls Trails Day if possible
- Provide assistance and attend volunteer open house if possible
- Maintain strong communication with the volunteer trail leader- communications will be done via phone and text

REQUIREMENTS:

- Successfully complete all volunteer trainings
- Must have access to a phone or email and a reliable source of transportation
- Knowledge of basic trail maintenance is a plus, but not required
- Experience using common trail hand tools is a plus but not required
- Good interpersonal skills and a positive attitude
- Work requires moderate to intense physical exertion and occasional exposure to a variety of weather conditions
- Ability to work in a team, but also with minimal supervision after being given instructions
- Attendance of at least two trail maintenance days a year is highly preferred

For more information, or to apply, please contact:

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